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SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ASSIGNED TO BUTSI

- 1. AS A RESULT OF A MEETING BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL AND JOHN DELLENBACK. DIRECTOR OF PEACE CORPS, DEPT HAS LEARNED THAT NAPITUPULU, SECRETARY OF BUTSI HAS REQUESTED TWO VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH BUTSI. DELLENBACK STATED THAT WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO FORMAL COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSY, HE WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.
- 2. FOLLOWING IS MAIN PORTION OF LETTER FROM PEACE CORPS EXPLAINING CONTACTS WITH BUTSI AND THE ORIGINS OF REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS.

QUOTE: IN JULY 1976 ACTION CO-SPONSORED AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN AUSTRIA, ATTENDED BY OVER TWO HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS FROM 90 NATIONS. THESE ATTENDEES WERE INVITED NOT REPEAT NOT AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS, BUT AS INDIVIDUAL ADMINISTRATORS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER AGENCIES. THE

ENCLOSED PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS LIST WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR PERUSAL.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS APPROACHED ACTION STAFF MEMBERS TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHING WORKING RELATIONS OF DIFFERENT TYPES. SOME REQUESTED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OTHERS SEED FUNDS, STILL OTHERS TALKED OF POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF VOLUNTEERS WITHIN DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS, FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PURPOSES.

DR. W.P. NAPITUPULU, SECRETARY OF BUTSI, AND ONE OF THE CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, REQUESTED TWO VOLUNTEERS. NO FURTHER ACTION HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE CONFERENCE. ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE MEETING WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WAS TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF THIS REQUEST.

THE REQUEST REMAINS VERBAL. DR. NAPITUPULU WAS ADVISED BY US THAT NO ACTION COULD BE SET IN MOTION BY OUR AGENCY UNTIL A WRITTEN REQUEST IS RECEIVED. THIS HAS NOT YET HAPPENED. AS SOON AS IT DOES, AND IF IT DOES, PEACE CORPS' RESPONSE WILL BE, AS USUAL, CLEARED AND COORDINATED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT. END QUOTE.

3. FYI - AS YOU KNOW PEACE CORPS HAS BEEN TRYING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS TO GET REVERSAL OF DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO HOLD THE LINE ON U.S. PERSONNEL AND NOT TO PERMIT THE PEACE CORPS BACK INTO INDONESIA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR JUDGMENT OF WHETHER ON BALANCE WE WOULD STAND TO GAIN OR LOSE MOST BY REVERSING THIS POLICY AS REGARDING PEACE CORPS. KISSINGER

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